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SUBJ: LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT TO MARSHAL LON NOL

REF : PHNOM PENH 5614

1. YOU SHOULD DELIVER FOLLOWING LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT TO MARSHAL LON NOL IN REPLY TO HIS OF JUNE 7. ORIGINAL FOLLOWS BY POUCH.

2. BEGIN QUOTE. DEAR MR. PRESIDENT: THANK YOU FOR YOUR LETTER OF JUNE 7 IN WHICH YOU EXPRESSED CONCERN OVER THE DIPLOMATIC RECOGNITION BEING ACCORDED YOUR ADVERSARIES. (PARA) I, OF COURSE, SHARE YOUR CONCERN ON THIS IMPORTANT MATTER. YOU CAN BE SURE THAT THE UNITED STATES WILL CONTINUE TO GIVE THE FULLEST SUPPORT TO THE KHMER REPUBLIC CONCERNING ITS STANDING AT THE UNITED NATIONS WHEN THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY RECONVENES IN SEPTEMBER. (PARA) IT IS GOOD TO KNOW, HOWEVER, THAT YOU WILL ENERGETICALLY PURSUE YOUR OWN EFFORTS TO PRESENT YOUR CASE TO OTHER COUNTRIES. I BELIEVE YOUR CASE WILL BE IMMEASURABLY STRENGTHENED IF
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YOU CAN ALSO REPORT A RECORD OF BOLD AND DYNAMIC LEADERSHIP BY THE HIGH POLITICAL COUNCIL AND SUBSTANTIAL PROGRESS IN RESOLVING THE INTERNAL MILITARY AND ADMINISTRATIVE PROBLEMS WHICH STILL CONFRONT THE REPUBLIC. (PARA) I AM CONFIDENT THAT SUCH ACTIONS IF VIGOROUSLY PURSUED BY THE HIGH POLITICAL COUNCIL WILL UNDERSCORE THE LEGITIMACY OF YOUR ADMINISTRATION AND THE FALSE CLAIMS OF YOUR ENEMIES. (PARA) YOU AND YOUR COLLEAGUES ON THE COUNCIL HAVE MY CONTINUING RESPECT FOR YOUR FORTITUDE IN THIS DIFFICULT PERIOD AND MY DEEP HOPE THAT PEACE SOON CAN BE RESTORED TO YOUR COUNTRY. I AM PLEASED TO SEND, TOO, MY BEST WISHES FOR YOUR CONTINUING GOOD HEALTH AND TO REPEAT THAT I LOOK FORWARD TO WELCOMING YOU IN THE UNITED STATES WHEN YOUR PLANS FOR MEDICAL TREATMENT ARE FIRMER. (PARA) WITH WARM REGARDS, SINCERELY, RICHARD NIXON. END QUOTE. RUSH

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